IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Confirmation No.: 9722

Scott A. CUMMINGS Art Unit: 2616

Appl. No.: 10/682,536 Examiner: Chan, Sai Ming
Filed: October 10, 2003 Atty. Docket: 1875.4850000

For: System, Method, and Computer
Program Product for Utilizing
Proprietary Communication
Parameters to Improve Channel
Efficiency in a DOCSIS-Compliant
Broadband Communication System

Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated January 8, 2008, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 20071218), Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net

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addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.